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SUBJ: CYPRUS

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1. WHEN I CALLED TODAY ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/ONFMIN MAVROS TO DELIVER LETTER HE INVITED ME TO COME IN WHILE LOCAL CBS CORRESPONDENT WAS FILMING AN INTERVIEW FOR TV NEWS COVERAGE. MAVROS TOOK APPROXIMATELY SAME LINE AS IN INTERVIEW REPORTED SEPTEL. HOWEVER, HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT FIRST TASKS FOR NEW GOVERNMENT WERE TO RESTORE ORDER, TO ESTABLISH RESPECT FOR FREEDOM AND TO PREPARE GREECE FOR ELECTIONS. HE REMINDED CBS CORRESPONDENT OF CURRENT GENERAL MOBILIZATION, FACT THAT GREECE REMAINED UNDER MARTIAL LAW AND THAT THIS WAS "EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT" THAT HAD BEEN FORMED BECAUSE OF CONTINUING HIGH TENSION IN AREA. I FOUND IT INTERESTING WHEN QUERIED ABOUT HIS OWN FEELINGS SINCE HE HAD SEVERAL TIMES BEEN IN PRISON DURING PAST SEVEN YEARS, MAVROS RESPONDED THAT HE HAD FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM; IT WAS IN THE PAST AND GREECE WAS NOW CONFRONTING SERIOUS FUTURE PROBLEMS.

2. AFTER I DELIVERED SECRETARY'S LETTER MAVROS EXPRESSED

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APPRECIATION AND SAID HE WANTED US TO KNOW HOW HELPFUL

U.S. HAD BEEN IN BRINGING ABOUT CHANGE.

3. I REVIEWED IN DETAIL U.S. APPROACH TO CYPRUS AS SET FORTH STATE 161369. MAVROS WAS CLEARLY APPRECIATIVE AND REITERATED GOG DESIRE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH U.S. HE THEN MADE POINT MAKARIOS REMAINED LEGAL PRESIDENT WITH HIS PRESTIGE EVEN HIGHER THAN IT HAD BEEN BEFORE COUP BUT WHETHER OR WHEN HE SHOULD RETURN TO CYPRUS WAS NOT GREEK PROBLEM BUT ONE FOR CYPRIOTS. IN THE PRESENT CRISIS SITUATION HE HAD TO BE VIEWED AS A STRONG PERSONALITY AND UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUED TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL FOLLOWING. GOG POSITION HOWEVER WAS STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF SC AND ITS POSITIONS AT GENEVA WOULD BE DEVELOPED IN RELATION TO THOSE TAKEN BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

4. AS RESULT OF INTERRUPTION BY TELEPHONE CALL FROM GOC FONMIN REPORTED SEPARATELY, WE DID NOT RETURN TO SUBJECT OF GENEVA MEETING EXCEPT I TOOK OCCASION TO EMPHASIZE POINT IN PARA 6 OF DESIRABILITY FOR MAVROS AND BUFFUM TO HAVE FULL DISCUSSION IN GENEVA. TASCA

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